of the poultry industry of country and the Andhra Pradesh Government had also requested for reconsideration of the policy;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (d) The import of parent level breeding stock is in the restricted list of imports and is usually allowed on a one-time basis. The Government has specified veterinary health requirements for the importation of poultry into the country, which are strictly followed. Therefore, the question of these imports having disastrous consequences does not arise.

National Egg Co-ordination Committee and the Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested the Government to reconsider the above policy. However, this has not been agreed to as a ban on the import of parent level stock would be contrary to the principles governing international trade, where sanitary measures have to be based on sound scientific principles.

Building of warehouses abroad

4299. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to build warehouses abroad and to enter into joint ventures, establish subsidiaries and alliances;

(b) if so, the countries where these warehouses would come up and by when; and

(c) what benefit India would derive from these houses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) to (c) At present, the Warehousing Corporation Act, 1962 does not provide for setting up of warehouses abroad by the Central Warehousing Corporation, entering into joint ventures and establishing subsidiaries and alliances. However, the Warehousing Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2001, which was introduced in the Parliament in Monsoon Session, provides for these provisions. The Bill has been passed by both Houses of Parliament. The Lok Sabha passed the Amendment Bill on 20-8-2001. The proposed amendments would enable the Corporation to explore potentials and possibilities of diversification of its activities.